

Religious Leaders Will Push For Integrity In Government

WASHINGTON (BP) — Nineteen national religious leaders of Protestant, Catholic, Jewish and other groups and denominations announced here formation of the Religious Committee for Integrity in Government, a non-partisan interfaith committee of Washington-based religious staff persons.

Sponsors making the announcement were James Armstrong, bishop of the Dakotas Area of the United Methodist Church; Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; and William P. Thompson, state clerk of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. Among those listed as members of the Washington committee is James E. Wood Jr., executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and John W. Baker, associate director in charge of research services of the Baptist Joint Committee.

Expressing his personal concern about the crisis in government, Wood said, "Surely there never was a time in which the need was greater. For giving visible evidence of concern for integrity in government. The events of the past year," he added, "constitute an unprecedented American tragedy."

Wood stated that the current governmental crisis marks the "dark ages of public affairs" and warned that without integrity in public office, no credibility or confidence on the part of the public is possible.

The Baptist leader underscored the newly formed committee's positive function, insisting that in no way should its purpose be seen as seeking a vendetta against the President of

the United States. Rather, its formation signals the beginning of an effort to bring cleansing to the nation's political processes.

Appearing at a news conference, the sponsors of the committee said it will work for five initial objectives:

1. Clarification of critical moral issues in the present crisis. "The current crisis is clearly a moral as well as a constitutional one," they said. "The religious community has a unique obligation to clarify the critical moral issues involved."
2. Justice for the President and the American people, including support of an orderly and expeditious inquiry by the House Judiciary Committee as to whether grounds exist for the impeachment of the President.
3. Campaign reform, including public

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State WMU Starkville

The annual Convention of Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union will be held at First Baptist Church, Starkville, March 26 - 27, according to Mrs. Vernon May, Louisville, president.



Mrs. Bullard Jones



Mrs. Vernon May



Miss Doris Diaz



Rev. Herman Hayes

Attending the meeting will be women from every section of the state with an estimated attendance of up to 1200.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Speakers for the meeting will be Dr. Earl Kelly, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Rev. John Alexander, Director, Stewardship Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Miss Doris Diaz, Language Missions Consultant, Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham; Rev. Tom Thurman, Southern Baptist missionary to Bangladesh; Rev. Jerry Simon, to Uganda; Rev. and Mrs. Jimmy Hartfield, to Mexico; Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Gilbert, to Ecuador; Rev. and Mrs. John Merritt, to Europe; Rev. and Mrs. Herman Hayes, Mrs. James Humphries, and Mrs. Peyton Moore, all of Vietnam; Elie Woerner, of Louisiana.

Mrs. May will preside over the sessions.

Other officers are Mrs. Carey Cox of Brandon, vice president; Mrs. John Causey of Corinth, recording secretary; and Mrs. Joel Ray of Hattiesburg, associate recording secretary.

Miss Marjean Patterson, Jackson, State WMU Executive Secretary-Treasurer, revealed the theme of this year's convention to be "Committed To Give."

Directing the music will be Mrs. Bullard Jones of Louisiana. In addition to leading congregational singing, Mrs. Jones will present special music.

Providing special music at other times during the meeting will be a women's trio from Vietnam; The II Century, a folk-singing group from Blue Mountain College; and The University Singers, a choir of university students from Mississippi State University.

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EVANGELICAL BAPTIST GROUP PETITIONS TO EMIGRATE FROM SOVIET UNION

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (BP)—A group of evangelical Baptists in the Siberian city of Barnaul have filed application with authorities in Moscow asking permission to leave the Soviet Union, according to a European Baptist Press (EPBS) release.

EPBS, quoting "Veckoposten," weekly organ of the Swedish Baptist Union, said the evangelicals claim they are of German origin and have asked to be allowed to emigrate to West Germany. The Baptist group cites as a precedent for their emigration from the Soviet Union, the fact that persons of Jewish origin have been permitted to leave the U.S.S.R. to live in Israel, the Swedish weekly was quoted as saying.

Sven Svenson of "Veckoposten," said it is the first time he has received such "underground" information about evangelical Baptists in the U.S.S.R. who have asked for emigration permission, EPBS said. The newspaper article indicated that 42 members of the groups, presumably belonging to the "Initiative Baptist" movements, signed a letter to United Nations General Secretary Kurt Waldheim, claiming the Soviet Authorities had not replied to their demand, EPBS reported.

NASHVILLE (BP) — A four-year study by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee's special Committee of Fifteen culminated here — almost — in a day-long, spirited session which covered 20 of 23 recommendations on Southern Baptist agencies.

The 64-person Executive Committee failed to resolve the final three recommendations — including one to dissolve the 15-person subcommittee when a quorum failed to remain in the committee room in the late-afternoon phases of the final day.

Final deliberations on the three left over recommendations of the much-discussed Committee of Fifteen report will take place at the Executive Committee's next meeting before the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist

Convention (SBC) in Dallas in June.

As the first order of business, the Executive Committee accepted a recommendation to refer to the appropriate agencies an 86-page section of the report listing of "concerns" regarding the operations of the agencies.

The agencies are asked to respond to the Executive Committee in writing regarding the "concerns" by February, 1975.

Another recommendation, calling for appointment of a committee to study the Executive Committee itself, was passed and will be forwarded for action by the Southern Baptist Convention at Dallas.

Under provisions of the recommendation, the Executive Committee requests the convention to authorize the officers it elects in 1974 to appoint a

committee of seven persons, widely experienced in denominational life, to study and evaluate the Executive Committee and report back to the convention in 1975. No current Executive Committee members would be eligible to serve on the seven-person committee.

The Executive Committee postponed until February, 1975, a recommendation which would have asked the convention to alter Bylaw 9 (5) (g) to allow the Executive Committee, study the agencies' "long range program objectives, budget, year program goals and action plans and past year program accomplishments reaching previously set goals and action plans."

The postponement was voted after Duke McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and others urged the proposed change in the bylaw receive a full hearing before the Executive Committee votes, to prevent misunderstandings and hidden pitfalls for agencies.

In a companion recommendation, the Executive Committee gave approval to planning a conference for appropriate agency representatives to discuss the implications of the proposed bylaw.

The Executive Committee responded affirmatively to a request that it ask its administrative subcommittee to study trustee-board and trustee-

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Baptist Center In Israel Is Damaged By Arsonists

JERUSALEM, Israel (BP) — The Israel Baptist House, on Narkis Street here in the middle of a predominantly Jewish area, escaped serious damage after being hit with rocks and kerosene-soaked rags that started a fire in the building.

The Baptist center was the first of three Christian religious centers attacked here in a single day, by arsonists in mid-February.

Serious damage was averted in the Baptist House when a Baptist church member, who was asleep in the building when the attack occurred, called the fire department.

The blaze was quickly extinguished, according to Missionary Charles C. Worthy. Damages were estimated at \$5,000 to \$10,000, Worthy said.

He indicated that Southern Baptist missionaries in Israel feel the isolated

attack on Baptist House is not representative of the majority attitude of the Jewish community toward Christian groups.

An hour after the attack on Baptist House, the Missionary Swedish Lutheran Theological Institute and the Pentecostal Zion Mission Bookstore, were set afire.

A week after the Christian centers were hit, arsonists set fire to a Jewish religious book store in Jerusalem's Muslim quarter.

Again, prompt action by the fire brigades prevented serious damage.

Israeli authorities declined to say if they believed the attack was related to the earlier attack on the Christian centers.

Damage to Baptist House was limited to one room which contained a bookstore and reception center.

Rocks were thrown through a glass door and windows, and kerosene-soaked rags started the fire.

Jerusalem's Mayor, Teddy Kollek condemned the acts as "contrary to the true spirit of the holy city..." and offered the institutions municipal aid in repairing damages, according to press reports.

Kollek later received an anonymous phone call threatening his life if he continued to offer help to the Christian institutions.

Missionary Robert L. Lindsey, along with Worthy, expressed appreciation for the "heartwarming" concern and sympathy shown by Jewish friends and neighbors of Baptist House.

In a letter to the editor of the Jerusalem Post, Lindsey expressed the re-

gret of the Southern Baptist missionaries in Israel about the burning of the Jewish book store.

He stated that the missionaries hope that there will be no retaliation by Christian groups.

That is not the answer to the problem, he said.

According to Worthy, 12 suspects have been arrested and charged with arson in connection with the first incident in mid-February.

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Family Life Conference Held In Tupelo

The Faculty of the State Family Life Conference held in Tupelo included a group of resource persons who participated in 27 church services in Lee County on Sunday, February 24. The conference was attended by registrants from 52 churches outside Lee County with the farthest away being from Lincoln County. Conference personalities shown above are (l. to r.) front row: Dr. Charles Petty, Executive Secretary, Christian Life and Public Affairs, North Carolina Baptist State Convention; Dr. Harry Hollis, Jr., Director of Special Moral Concerns, Christian Life Commission, Nashville; Mrs. David Edens, Author, Family Counselor, Columbia, Mo.; Dr. David Edens, Director, Marriage and Family Program, Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.; back row: Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Director, Christian Action Commission; Rev. Billy Nimmons, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Tupelo, host church; Rev. Joe Hinkle, Family Ministry Section, Sunday School Board, Nashville; and Horace Kerr, Director, Mississippi Council on Aging, Jackson.

Union University To Build New Campus

JACKSON, Tenn. (BP) — The board of trustees of Union University, a Southern Baptist School here, voted to build \$5,050,000 of academic facilities on a new campus site, to be ready for occupancy by September, 1975.

The new campus, to be located in Jackson, will occupy part of 140 acres to be utilized for campus development. An additional 144 acres will serve for the development of a retirement village, continuing education

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Home Mission Board Granted \$11 Million In Loans In 1973

ATLANTA (BP) — The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB) which began a church loan fund with \$500 in 1882 last year loaned more than \$11 million to 235 churches.

Robert H. Kilgore, director of the board's division of church loans, hailed the year as the best "growth" period in recent years.

The board completed 235 loans in 1973 for more than \$11 million and has 90 more in process for \$5,338,900.

Included in the 235 completed in 1973 were 21 loans for \$586,000 from the HMB's Negro and ethnic loan fund. Established in 1972 to assist Negro and ethnic churches which are not affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, the fund has been used to assist a total of 31 churches with loans totaling more than \$750,000. The Home Mission Board began providing loans to churches through a \$500 fund begun in 1882. A recent report revealed that in the last 20 years the division of church loans has processed some 4,700 loans for more than \$80 million.

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Statewide Workshop On Ministering To Troubled Youth Set

A workshop "Ministering to Troubled Youth" will be held at the Columbia Training School in Columbia March 14.

The workshop will be sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, Dr. Foy Rogers, director.

Rev. Jerry St. John, department associate, will direct the workshop, which will be held from 10:00 a.m. until adjournment of the evening session, which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Ronnie Robinson, of Jackson, Youth Court Counselor, will speak on "What Is Happening to Youth Before Columbia," followed by a question-and-answer period.

Rev. Ray Bell, chaplain of the school, will deliver a message on "Spiritual Ministry at Columbia."

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'Christ Makes Man Total Person,' Astronaut Says

By John Rutledge
HOUSTON (BP) — Southern Baptist astronaut William R. Pogue said his 34 days on the Skylab III mission, the longest manned space voyage, made him realize that man is more than just an intellectual being and needs Christ in his heart to become a total person.

The mission also gave Pogue a heightened awareness of life and his relationships with people. The same thing has happened to others who have gone into space, Pogue, a Baptist deacon, said when interviewed here with his

pastor, Bill Darnell, of Nassau Bay (Tex.) Baptist Church.

As a result of the Skylab mission, Pogue said, "I'm firmly convinced that there's more to life than the body and intellect—it's the soul. Raw intellectual capacity is just the shell."

The Baptist astronaut said he now realizes more than ever, "There's that kernel that most of us miss. When a person finds Christ, he becomes a total person."

Pogue said this discovery was renewed and heightened for him during the mission. Being con-

vinced and having it proven are two different things, he said.

At a press conference, Pogue said the flight made him more attuned to his own thought process and the way he looked at the world.

"I hope it restored a proper balance in the way I look at life," he said.

"I certainly have a greater sense of the value of the individual and of the potential of the individual to contribute to society," he continued.

"Relationships with people and our attitudes and feelings

are most important," he added.

Pogue said that during the flight he missed "mostly just being with the family and eating dinner."

The difficulties he and fellow astronauts Gerald Carr and Edward Gibson had during the first part of the mission were caused by too heavy a schedule but were cleared up when the crew and the ground control talked it out, the astronauts said.

"It doesn't take much of an overrun in schedule to destroy a mission," Pogue said. "It's the difference between contentment

and misery. The schedule was just a little beyond what we could have done well and properly."

Darnell, Pogue's pastor who was with the astronaut's family during the splashdown, said the crew had some problems during reentry and that it was a tense time.

"There was a squawk box that lets you hear everything that is said. We had prayer as they splashed down. It was almost like a religious service in their home," Darnell said.

Thirty per cent of the men who belong to Nassau Bay Baptist

Church are in NASA-related jobs, he said. Many of the others work for computer companies or are engineers.

Pogue said he has a completely open mind toward the future—"one of the advantages of the flight."

Although he has worked with fellow astronaut Jim Irwin's High Flight Foundation, he said he had "one year of hard work ahead of me tying up loose ends of the flight."

After that? "Whichever way the Lord leads," he said.



Convention History To Be Released

Robert A. Baker, left, chairman, Historical Commission, SBC, discusses with R. A. McLemore, Mississippi president, Southern Baptist Historical Society, the manuscript of Baker's new book, *The Southern Baptist Convention and Its People* to be released April 1 by Broadman Press. The Commission and the Society encourage Baptists to preserve and know their heritage through publications such as Baker's new work and through the Commission's quarterly journal *Baptist History and Heritage*. (Historical Commission, SBC photo)

Executive Group Session Resolves 20 Proposals

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staff relationships and make more clear the duties of those who serve SBC agencies, develop a procedure under which the convention could replace elected agency members who do not attend meeting or who disqualify for other reasons, and study the selection process of the SBC's committee on boards.

A preamble statement on the recommendation from the Committee of Fifteen said, "Our study convinces us that some of these trustees and commissioners are not deeply enough involved in the affairs of their agencies. Occasionally some trustees are negligent and indifferent and some executive officers tend to assume trustee powers."

The Executive Committee also approved a recommendation to study possible revisions in the structure of the Inter-Agency Council, a body authorized by the convention's Bylaw 13 to serve as the organization through which the various agencies of the convention correlate work.

The committee will study the Inter-Agency Council, in consultation with SBC agency executives, and bring recommendations to the Executive Committee for any necessary changes in Bylaw 13.

Family Life Meeting Set For DeSoto

DeSoto County Baptists will conduct a Family Life Conference March 10-12 according to Rev. Ervin Brown, Superintendent of Missions.

Using the theme "Making Good Homes Better," the sessions will be held in the First Baptist Church of Southaven, on Monday and Tuesday nights, March 11 & 12, for all members of the family. Special day sessions Monday and Tuesday will be for pastors, staff members and wives.

Resource people for the conference will be Dr. John Howell, professor of Christian ethics, Midwestern Baptist Seminary, Kansas City; Harold Bergen, associate, Family Life Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville; Dr. Macklyn Hubbell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Cleveland, and family counselor and lecturer; Horace Kerr, director of the Mississippi Council on Aging, Jackson, and Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention.

"Persons of all denominations in the area are invited," Mr. Brown stated.

Schedules are being worked out for certain resource people to speak in as many churches as possible on Sunday, March 10.

WMU Membership Figures Differ

By Mrs. Vernon May, President
Marjean Patterson,
Executive Secretary
Mississippi Woman's
Missionary Union

In last week's issue of *The Baptist Record*, state Baptist statistics were given for 1973. According to the Baptist Sunday School Board's figures, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union showed a decrease in membership, a loss of 104.

We have checked with the Department of Research Services at the Sunday School Board, and they state that the figures have been carefully checked, and are correct according to the letters they received.

However, the letters received at the Baptist Building also were carefully checked in our offices and we have come up with slightly different totals. We do not know where the difference is but this is what we have found.

Our total membership, ascertained by tallying all the church letters, was 47,753, or an increase of 139 in 1973 over the 47,614 reported in 1972. In addition, figures for membership in Baptist Young Women organizations on college campuses are kept separate from the church letter, so another 130 members should have been added to our total membership, or a total of 47,883.

We in Woman's Missionary Union are in the last few months

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee in its opening session here approved a proposal to add \$3 million dollars in challenge funds to the previously proposed \$37 million 1974 - 75 SBC Cooperative Program budget.

Any part of the \$3 million received after the \$37-million figure is reached will be divided proportionately to SBC agencies for their operating budgets.

The regular budget divides \$36 million among SBC agencies and sets aside \$1 million for capital needs of the agencies.

In the opening session, H. Franklin Paschall, former SBC president and member of the Executive Committee, urged Southern Baptists, who are in a period of financial and numerical growth, not to major on externals at the expense of spiritual dimensions of the gospel.

Quoting the Apostle Paul, Paschall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, said, "The letter of the law kills but the spirit gives life. Any external can kill if it has our primary attention. With our imposing externals, we must not forget to give attention to the primary of God."

Paschall also urged that Baptists not forget to give "priority to people above such things as programs" and to always uphold "the centrality of the local church."

He said, "A lot of good things are happening outside the church, but if the job is not done in the local church, everything we're doing denominationally will come to naught."

A breakdown of the 1974-75 SBC Cooperative Program budget allots \$18 million to the Foreign Mission Board (plus \$1.5 million from the proposed challenge budget); \$5,750,000 for the Home Mission Board (plus \$562,500 challenge); \$7,560,000 for the six SBC seminaries (plus \$630,000 challenge);

Also, \$200,000 for the SBC Annuity Board (plus \$16,500 challenge); \$95,000 for the Southern Baptist Foundation (plus \$7,800 challenge); \$100,000 for the American Baptist Theolo-

gical Seminary Commission (plus \$8,400 challenge); \$360,000 for the Brotherhood Commission (plus \$30,000 challenge); \$245,000 for the Christian Life Commission (plus \$20,400 challenge); Also, \$165,000 for the Education Commission (plus \$13,800 challenge); \$140,000 for the Historical Commission (plus \$11,700 challenge); \$1,700,

000 for the Radio and Television Commission (plus \$141,600 challenge); Also, \$176,000 for the Stewardship Commission (plus \$14,700 challenge); \$150,000 for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs (plus \$12,000 challenge); and \$359,000 to the SBC Operating budget (plus \$30,000 challenge).

Handbook Produced To Guide Baptists Away From Home

By Toby Druin

ATLANTA — The Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has produced a new handbook of biblical truths and Baptist beliefs for use by Baptists away from home.

Written by William L. Clark, associate director of the Division of Chaplaincy, "A Guidebook for Baptists Away From Home" is a short, pocket sized and in addition to selected scriptures and bylaws contains brief articles on the Christian church, confessions of faith, the church covenant, the ordinances, the Bible, how to become a Christian, the Christian life, witnessing and stewardship.

Also covered are such subjects as marriage, alcohol and drugs, gambling, where to inquire about attending English language worship services in other countries and a brief outline of a worship service.

Clark, former Air Force deputy chief of chaplains and retired major general, said he produced the booklet because many Baptists through the years had requested help in getting a better understanding of their faith. Many asked for help in sharing their faith and explaining Baptist beliefs to persons they met in their travels.

The guidebook was designed for distribution by Southern Baptist chaplains in the military, hospital or industrial settings. Sample copies will also be sent to home missionaries, state

executive secretaries, mission directors and superintendents of missions and churches and denominational agencies for use by Baptists in away-from-home activities.

It is available free through the Chaplains Commission, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30309.

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lic financing of election campaigns. The committee voted this week, in its first official action, to support the campaign reform bill recently introduced in Congress.

4. Restoration of constitutional checks and balances in the federal government, including a challenge to the impoundment of funds and the abuse and improper assumption of authority on the part of some law enforcement agencies.

5. Clarification of critical moral issues facing citizens in the elections of 1974 and 1978.

To express your sympathy at the loss of a friend or loved one, give the gift of life. A memorial gift to your local Heart Association will comfort those in grief and help reduce the toll of heart attack, the nation's number one killer.

At Blue Mountain College

Centennial Awards Dinner To Honor Four Contributors To Christian Education



Mrs. Waller



Dr. Swor



Mrs. Lowrey



Mrs. Tyler

Blue Mountain College has announced a Centennial Awards Dinner honoring Mississippi's First Lady, two former First Ladies of the school and a man who has contributed as author, lecturer and counselor to Christian higher education, according to the college's President E. Harold Fisher.



Mississippian Helps

Plan WMU Future

WMU experts from across the country met in Birmingham last week to propose emphases and studies for Woman's Missionary Union in 1976-79. Mississippi was represented by Miss Ethel McKeithen (left), state Baptist Women director, shown here conferring with Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary.

The dinner will be a highlight of Centennial activities during the week-end of March 8-9 and will feature as honor guests Mrs. William L. Waller, Mrs. Lawrence T. Lowrey, who was First Lady of Blue Mountain from 1952 - 1960, Mrs. Wilfred Charles Tyler, whose husband served the school as president from 1960-1965 and Dr. Chester Swor of Jackson, who has written six books and is currently lecturing throughout the United States.

"The college felt it would be appropriate to honor these four people who have contributed so very much to the development of Blue Mountain College and Christian education," President Fisher said.

Preceding the March 8 dinner will be afternoon sessions of the Blue Mountain College Board of Trustees, Executive Board of the school's National Alumnae Association and the Education Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

In addition to Mrs. Waller's influence in educational circles she has also been active with the Mississippi Heart Fund, Muscular Dystrophy Association, Mental Health Task Group, Craftsman's Guild of Mississippi and the Mississippi Special Olympics.

Mrs. Tyler, who was honored as Blue Mountain's Most Outstanding Faculty member last year, and Mrs. Lowrey, who now lives in Baton Rouge, La., have both been instrumental in much of the progress the school has made over the past twelve years.

Dr. Swor is a former dean of men and assistant professor of English at Mississippi College and has worked with Blue Mountain on many activities. In 1967 he helped establish the school's "Quest For Quality," a five year program designed to coincide with Blue Mountain's 100th birthday.

Following the awards dinner, the premier performance of the school's Centennial theatrical production, "The Forehead of the Morning,"

The next day, March 9, more than 70 class reunions are expected to take place during the afternoon. Also that afternoon, the Centennial Festival Queen, Joy Hurt of Memphis, will be presented along with her court. She will represent the first lady to step into the second 100 years of the school. An evening performance of the production is slated to conclude the formal events surrounding the 100th birthday celebration.

"All Alumnae, friends and others interested in Blue Mountain College are invited to attend the week-end production and activities surrounding the celebration," President Fisher said.

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tion center, housing, shopping and service areas.

Although dormitories will not be a part of initial construction, it is anticipated that decisions regarding their construction will be made soon so their completion date will correspond with the 1975 opening, a university spokesman said.

Several months ago, William Cockroft, a Memphis dentist and largest franchise holder in the nation of Holiday Inns, offered to give the Baptist university \$5 million if it would move the campus to the Memphis area and meet certain stipulations. Baptist Press reported that Cockroft's proposal, accepted by Union's board of trustees, was later withdrawn to prevent ill feelings within the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The spokesman said the main reason for moving is "to modernize." "We've tried to buy land around the old campus site," but adjacent property isn't available, he said.

The opening of the new campus will coincide with Union's sesquicentennial as an education institution and its centennial under the sponsorship of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. "The old campus is for sale," the spokesman said.

Workshop For Troubled Youth To Be Held In Columbia

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"What the Church Is Doing" will be the subject of an address by Thomas Watts, director of Sunday School and Youth After Columbia.

Rev. Alfred C. Hart, assistant director, Institutional Chaplaincy, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will speak on "The Family and Your After Columbia."

Rev. L. Z. Blankinship, moderator of the Pearl River (National Baptist) Association, will direct the evening

Brotherhood Names Lay Renewal Leader

MEMPHIS (BP) — David P. Hahey, pastor of the Heritage Baptist Church in Annapolis, Md., and author of three books on church renewal, has



Hahey

been named director of the department of lay ministries for the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission here.

Hahey will direct the commission's emphasis on lay renewal, effective March 1, working in close cooperation with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of evangelism, which has responsibility for the area of renewal evangelism.

The Maryland pastor will succeed James Johnson of Arlington, Tex., who resigned October 1.

Born and reared in Ohio, he is former pastor of churches in Kentucky and Ohio.

He attended Harrison - Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, Tenn.; Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky.; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; and Earlham School of Religion, Richmond, Ind., where he earned a master's degree in religion.

The Convention President Speaks

Recently, I was at the Baptist building checking on our pledges for the restoration of Gulfshore Assembly. Mr. Nelson, the ladies in the office, and my daughter all got really excited when we started seeing the results.

However, we have a problem that we need your help on and only you can solve it. We know there are many churches that have voted to participate, but for one reason or the other, we still do not have their pledge cards. For example, when we were doing the checking I mentioned above, we found several letters that stated their church had voted, but thus far, we do not have the pledge. This figure amounted to about \$10,000.00. I think this same thing is true of individual pledges.

I want to make a request of a special group. Some of you have indicated you did not put this in your budgets, but were going to take some special offerings. If you have any idea of the amount you anticipate, would you be kind enough to let me know this figure?

Others have indicated you would do something after your budget is made up, but we have not heard from you. You could help your state a great deal if you would let us know. — David Grant.

ADDIS ABEBA, Ethiopia — Southern Baptist missionaries were part of a 50-voice international choir that presented a command performance for Emperor Haile Selassie here recently. Following the musical program, which was video-taped to be aired on Ethiopian television at a later date, the emperor greeted the choir and shook every member's hand.

State WMU

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Mrs. J. M. Ernest of Hattiesburg, will be providing pre-session music.

The Tuesday evening session will feature two recent missionary appointees from Mississippi — Miss Rachel DuBard, missionary associate going to Liberia; and Mrs. J. D. Batson, career missionary going to Brazil.

In addition, a pictorial review of Mississippi missionaries will be presented at the close of the Tuesday evening session.

Mothers of Mississippi missionaries will be recognized as special guests at the Wednesday morning session.

A business session will include the election of officers for the coming year and the reports of several convention committees.

Pastor of the host church is Dr. Raymond Lloyd.



Ronny Robinson



Rev. Hart



Rev. Bell



Rev. Blankinship



Reception in the Sky Room at the Baptist Building—Dr. and Mrs. McNair, at left, with Dr. Hudgins, FMB president



The men of the Baptist Building presented a gift of money to the McNairs — \$87 made into an elephant with a long tail!

Church Music Department Gives Send-Off To McNairs

Destination: India, Later This Year

The Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, gave a reception Friday morning, February 22, in honor of Dr. and Mrs. John L. McNair. The event took place in the Sky Room of the Baptist Building. Music assistant with the department for the past year, Mrs. McNair (Kathy) recently resigned. She and her husband are to go soon as missionaries to India.

During the chapel service that preceded the reception, the Music Department presented to Mrs. McNair a gift of tonebells. Men of the Baptist Building gave a gift of money (\$87) fashioned into the shape of an elephant with a long tail of dollar bills. Earlier in the week the women of the Baptist Building and Mrs. Dan Hall had given Mrs. McNair a shower of gifts — that she might find useful in India — books, children's games, and household items.

Nan Grantham of the Music Department staff read a long, original, amusing poem of "farewell and best wishes." Others on program during the morning were Dan Hill, director; Church Music Department; Rev. Carey Cox, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and former pastor of First, Brandon, the McNairs' "home church"; and Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, president of the Foreign Mission Board.



The Church Music Department presented to Mrs. McNair a gift of tonebells. She has been music assistant in the department for the past year.

Dr. and Mrs. McNair will leave Jackson during March to go to New Orleans Seminary for several months of study. On July 30 they are to be appointed in Richmond, Virginia, as missionaries to India.

They will serve at Vellore Christian Medical Center at Vellore, India, on the southern tip of the country. This is the same hospital where Dr. and Mrs. Jasper McPhail, also Mississippians, were formerly stationed. Mrs. McNair was born in Piquette, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. K. Lee. Her father is now superintendent of missions in Calhoun County. She earned the Bachelor of Music Education degree at William Carey College and had begun work on the Master's degree in music at Mississippi College.

Before joining the Church Music Department she was youth director, organist, and choir coordinator at First Church, Brandon. Formerly she was kindergarten instructor for Briarwood Drive Church, Jackson, organist at Calvary, Little Rock, Ark., and director of music at Liburn Middle School, Atlanta, Ga.



John and Kathy McNair, with Dr. Douglas Hudgins, at the time they announced their decision to go to India.

Born at Magee, and also a graduate of William Carey, Dr. McNair received the Ph.D. in anatomy from University Medical Center, Jackson, and did postdoctoral study at Emory University in Atlanta. For some time he has taught and done research at University Medical Center.

The McNairs have two children, John Mark, 6, and Heather Kathleen, 19 months.

Understanding Tongues-Speaking

By Chris W. Parnell

Modern tongues-speaking cannot be equated with the Scriptural tongues of the Day of Pentecost. It is different. An extra language barrier—an incomprehensible tongue—is erected between speaker and hearer in our day. All language barriers were removed at Pentecost. This is evident, both from the narrative, and from the Acts 2:4 statement that the disciples "began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance."

The words — "gave them utterance" — are a translation of a word which refers to "clear terse speech." It is used in two other places: verse 14 to describe Peter's sermon, and Acts 26:25 to describe Paul's speech before Agrippa ("I am speaking the sober truth"). Acts 2:4, therefore, states that when the disciples "spoke with other tongues" they spoke intelligibly in the home language of the hearers. That was Pentecost. Today's "tongues-speaking" situation in which an additional incomprehensible language barrier is erected is quite different.

Modern tongues-speaking appears to be similar to that mentioned in Corinthians. People in Paul's day were familiar with incomprehensible tongues-speaking in pagan religions and (erroneously) considered it evidence that a person was "speaking by the Spirit of God."

Paul begins 1 Corinthians 12-14 by referring to the pagan worship the Corinthians had given up (12:2). He tells them that the evidence that a man is "speaking by the Spirit of God" lies in what he says. If the words he speaks exalt Jesus Christ then he is "speaking in the Spirit." When the Spirit speaks, said Jesus (John 15:26, 16:13, 14) He does not draw attention to Himself. He reveals "the Saviour."

Both Paul (1 Corinthians 12:3) and John (1 John 4:1-3) state, therefore, that the test that a person is "speaking by the Spirit of God" lies in what he says about the Lord Jesus Christ. The content of the speech is the evidence and not the manner in which a person speaks nor the language used.

Psychologically, much of modern tongues-speaking is a disassociation phenomenon. In childhood we learn to associate the thinking and verbal expression processes so closely that we appear to ourselves to think in words. Disassociation occurs under stress or ecstasy, in certain illnesses, or just by learning how to disassociate. Because disassociation is unusual we tend to regard it as miraculous, or evil, or diseased.

Surely our approach should rather be that of Scripture (1 Corinthians 14): If, when a Christian prays to God in private, he finds he has a gift from God enabling him to express "in his spirit spiritual secrets" (14:2 Phillips) in tongues he does not understand, then let him so pray, it will help him. He must, however, realize that this gift of tongues is on a lower level than other gifts. It is not one of the "greater gifts" (12:31) to be desired.

By Scriptural definition of purpose (1 Corinthians 12:7), gifts, of which there are very

many, are given "for the common good" — the good of "the body." Intelligent speech helps others. It builds up "the body;" incomprehensible tongues-speaking does not (14:2-11). Used in church, therefore, incomprehensible tongues do not follow the "way" of love which thinks of others first and is set out in chapter 13 as basic. Consequently, Paul said (14:19) that even though he had the gift of tongues and prized it, he did not use it in meetings, and the Corinthians similarly should look for other spiritual manifestations than tongues, viz. those which help others (14:12).

Before advising them as to what to do in their particular situation, Paul reinforces his contention that incomprehensible tongues-speaking is unsuitable in meetings with a final pragmatic argument. He contends that tongues-speaking is ineffective in meetings, it neither helps believers (verses 21, 22), nor unbelievers (verses 23-25).

In his advice to the church Paul apparently adopts the same approach of putting the welfare ("edification") of the church first as he has in chapter 10 when dealing with Christians eating food offered to idols. In that chapter he expresses his strong convictions, but goes on to say: "Let none seek his own good, but the good of his neighbour" (10:24, 32, 33).

Now, in chapter 12, he adopts the same attitude towards incomprehensible tongues. He concludes chapter 12 by emphasizing that Christians have a supreme "way" of life — that of love. In chapter 13 he teaches that all gifts are subservient to love.

In 14:1-25 he states his strong conviction that tongues are unsuitable for meetings. Then he observes that tongues are already widely practiced in their meetings, and so, rather than cause disruption he advises that tongues be allowed but under definite limitations. His prime consideration (as in chapter 10) is the welfare of the church (14:26), the very reason for which gifts are given.

To sum up: Scripturally, incomprehensible tongues-speaking has nothing to do with Pentecost, it is not a sign that a man is filled with the Spirit, it is comparatively unimportant, and it is unsuitable for use in meetings; but it can be helpful in private prayer. Psychologically, tongues-speaking is usually a means of expressing feeling and is found in both Christian and non-Christian situations. Pragmatically, churches should deal with problems arising from tongues-speaking in love—the overriding attitude of the Christian life, considering what is best for the church.

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Executive Group Session Resolves 20 Committee Proposals

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plans of the Annuity Board and other agencies, with the help of professional consultants, if deemed necessary, and report these findings with recommendations to the Executive Committee.

Passed two companion recommendations on the six SBC seminaries:

1. That the Executive Committee study the formation of an inter-seminary council composed of both presidents and appropriate trustees and that it instruct the Program Committee, in cooperation with seminary presidents, to fully discuss the possibility of such a council and report back to the Executive Committee by February, 1975.

2. That the Executive Committee request the seminaries to study the possibility of charging tuition for all persons enrolled in advanced degree programs and for non-Baptists and report back by February, 1976.

Agreed to ask its Program Committee to review with representatives of the Christian Life Commission and

the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs the points of overlapping between the two agencies and report back with recommendations by February, 1975.

Agreed to ask its Program Committee to give special attention to staff enlargement as budget allocations are developed, and that when increases are asked to cover staff expansion to make certain that such expansion will not add to the staff burdens of state conventions or create more pressures on the churches and that they are not undertaken to make the work of an agency more convenient or to enhance its visibility.

Agreed to ask the Christian Life Commission and the Home Mission Board to work together to develop definitions of "Christian Social Concern" and "Christian Social Ministries," so people will understand, and report these definitions to the convention in June, 1975.

Passed a recommendation that SBC program leaders and other appropriate executives related to church

program organizations review their "task assignments," fully discuss them with appropriate Inter-Agency Council subcommittees and jointly report their findings to the convention by June, 1975, if possible.

Agreed to ask the seminary presidents to answer as fully and as completely as possible the request made in September, 1973, for present and future plans for non-degree students.

Agreed to request the two mission boards, the Brotherhood Commission, Sunday School Board and Woman's Missionary Union to fully discuss missions education in the Southern Baptist Convention and develop a strategy for missions education using all channels of all the agencies. The strategy would be discussed with the appropriate subcommittees of the Inter-Agency Council and jointly reported to the Executive Committee by September, 1975, if possible.

Agreed to request the Southern Baptist American Baptist Seminary Commission to continue to work with the board of trustees of the seminary

for black students in Nashville to set standards and goals to be met by 1977. That would be done with the understanding that the matter will be reviewed at that time and that Southern Baptists would consider converting their assets in the seminary to other uses which would accomplish the education of black young people in training for the ministry.

Named a nine-member committee to develop a comprehensive missionary challenge for Southern Baptist support during the last 25 years of this century, for action by the Executive Committee at Dallas, June 10.

Withdrew a recommendation calling for half of the financial support of the Education Commission to be provided by the Baptist colleges by 1980, and referred the matter to the commission as an area of concern for its consideration.

Delayed until the June 10 meeting action on three recommendations by the Committee of Fifteen, because of a lack of a quorum: (1) to allow the Southern Baptist Foundation freedom to advertise their services in SBC periodicals; (2) to endorse another major organizational structure study of SBC agencies around 1980; and (3) to discharge the Committee of Fifteen.

"Strategy Review Proposed" A two-year SBC "strategy" review proposed by the Committee of Fif-

teen drew opposition from the SBC's Foreign Mission Board, and Home Mission Board.

Douglas Hudgins, chairman of trustees, Foreign Mission Board, and Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, objected to the study as presented because it would infringe on the authority of board trustees.

Cauthen also voiced concern that such a sweeping study not under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board would send "a chill note of uncertainty" throughout the 77 countries where some 2,500 SBC missionaries currently serve.

Two papers were distributed among Executive Committee members setting forth numerous objections of the Foreign Mission Board members and staff to the study proposal and to various "concerns" listed by the Committee of Fifteen.

Woman's Missionary Union officials likewise distributed a paper specifying their disagreements with the Committee of Fifteen report.

Speaking for the Committee of Fifteen, Owen Cooper, layman of Yazoo City, Mississippi, and currently president of the Southern Baptist Convention, explained that the mission strategy study was intended to provide an overview of the denomination's mission task, a new sense of commitment and some new goals and objectives for the remainder of this century.

He indicated as an example that the committee envisioned a time before the end of the century when, instead of an annual budget level of around \$45 million, the Foreign Mission Board budget would exceed \$300 million.

In a compromise action on the proposal, a committee of nine officials was named to work out a recommendation to challenge Southern Baptists in missionary support for the next quarter-century.

Home Mission

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est point in 10 years — 10.6 per cent," he said. "That is a gain of almost nine percent over the 12.2 percent in 1972."

The 10.6 percent delinquency rate represents those churches which are behind as much as three months in their payments.

Though 10.6 percent are delinquent, they represent only 1.5 percent of the amount on loan, Kilgore noted.

Many people would probably name President Lincoln as the tallest president of the United States. He was 6 ft. 4 in., to be exact. But how many know that George Washington was also a tall man, standing 6 ft. 2 in.?

Rev. W. C. Breland Dies At Louisville

Rev. Wilbur C. Breland, pictured, 62, died unexpectedly Feb. 21 at Winston County Hospital in Louisville. Funeral services were held from First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, on Feb. 22.



At the time of his death he was pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Louisville, where he had served since 1966. He was also a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Nettie Dennis Breland of Louisville; two sisters, Mrs. Roy Griffin and Mrs. Carl J. DeWeese, both of Philadelphia.

Mr. Breland was born in Neshoba County, December 21, 1911. He graduated from Mississippi Southern and from Southwestern Seminary. He was baptized in July, 1925, and ordained to the ministry May 12, 1946.

His other pastorates had included Laurel Hill, Bethesda, Coldwater, all in Neshoba County, and a First Church, Rutherford, Tenn. In the military service he was stationed in Hawaii three years prior to World War II and in the Southwest Pacific three years during World War II.

His father, Rev. F. M. Breland, and brother, Rev. John R. Breland, were both Baptist pastors. Mrs. Breland's father was also a minister.

Revival Dates

First Church, Crystal Springs: March 10-15; services 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. weekdays, and 11 and 7:00 on Sunday; Dr. Bob Hamblin, evangelist, pastor, Harrisburg Church, Tupelo; Tom Larrimore, music evangelist, Jackson; Rev. Estus Mason, pastor.

First Church, Louisville: March 10-15; Rev. Louis Barner, pastor Eastside Church, Belzoni, evangelist; Kenneth Turner, Belzoni, singer; services Sunday, regular time; weekday 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Lee Hudson, pastor.

Straight Bayou (Sharkey - Issaquena) March 8-10; laymen - led; speakers will include Therman Bryant, Jackson; Tom Arinder, Belzoni; Bill Hamberlin, Mayersville; and Paul Nunnery, Jackson, older deacons of church to give personal testimonies; special music by Wayne Robbins, Rolling Fork; Kenneth Turner and Max Burroff, Belzoni, K. W. Douglas, Mississippi College, and the Villagers of Children's Village. (Men of the community will have breakfast at the Church Saturday morning and will sponsor a community-wide fellowship following the Sunday evening service); Rev. J. Harold Jones, pastor.

Longview Church: March 10 - 15; Rev. Wayne Sanders, pastor; Rev. George Jackson, pastor of Egypt Church, Memphis, Tenn., evangelist; J. C.

Walker of Weatherford, Texas, singer; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services at regular time.

Calvary, 1208 East Hardy Street, Hattiesburg: March 10-15; Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor, Temple, Hattiesburg, evangelist; Melvin Stafford, Calvary, Oak Grove, singer; services at 7 p.m.; Rev. Emmitt Boone, pastor.

Sandersville (Jones): March 17-22; Rev. Wayne DuBose, pastor, Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, evangelist; Ken Culpepper, minister of music, Sandersville, singer; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Horace Carpenter, pastor.

West Laurel Church: March 10-17; Rev. George Hearn, Memphis, Tennessee, evangelist; Leon Westerhouse, Birmingham, Ala., evangelistic singer; Rev. D. J. Benson, pastor; services Mon.-Fri. at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Phillipston (Leflore): March 10-17; services at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Marion Holley, Attala, Alabama, evangelist; Rev. Bob Mathis, pastor, leading singing; Mrs. Don Feet, pianist (Sunday, March 10, a group of young people from Mississippi College will be in charge of the morning and evening services. Dinner will be served in the Youth Center.)

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It Is Time For More Dialogue

The time has come for more dialogue among Southern Baptists.

We have been having dialogue with others. Three conferences with Roman Catholics, sponsored in part by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, have been held within the past three years. One or more conferences have been held with Jews. If I remember correctly there was one with the ecumenists. We even had a confrontation between Baptists and the "Playboy" crowd with their new morality ideas. Persons who sponsored those meetings and participated in them report that they accomplished better understanding and much good.

We even are having dialogue among ourselves right now. The Committee of Fifteen of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recently released its report on its studies of Southern Baptist work, and this is bringing sharp response from some of the convention's agencies and boards. There are differences of opinion concerning some of the work, and it is coming into the open. This is good, for out of it Southern Baptists will determine the way they want their work to go.

However, another type of dialogue also is very much needed right now. This is in the theological field, for the issue which is causing the most tension in Southern Baptist life today, is not programs and methods, but a theological position. That problem is the difference of opinion on the inspiration and authority of the Scriptures. This, more than anything else, is causing unrest in the convention.

This divided position probably long has existed in our convention, but we doubt if it ever has come to the forefront as it has in the last few years. A new organization of concerned Southern Baptists has been formed to raise questions and take a stand concerning the issue. A new publication has appeared which presents charges that there are evidences of liberalism in our midst, and promotes the conservative position. New conservative seminaries are being established, and are enlisting Southern Baptist students, and receiving support from convention churches. All of this is being done by Southern Baptists who love their convention, and say that they have no intention of leaving it. They are not advocating that anybody pull out of the convention, or stop support of it. They simply are calling for the institutions and agencies of the convention to give assurance of their steadfast belief in the Bible as the Word of God, and their unquestionable acceptance of its authority in all matters of faith and doctrine.

These who are asking questions, and raising the issue, report that they have evidences of liberalistic tendencies in some of the convention seminaries and they are asking for clarification of these charges.

These are not minor issues for it is this very problem which brought the division in the Northern (now American) Baptist Convention, more than twenty-five years ago. Moreover, it is the same issue which brought the recent split among Southern Presbyterians, and is threatening to tear Missouri Lutherans apart. Each of these had difficulties centering on a liberalistic interpretation of the Scriptures. Now this same issue is disturbing Southern Baptists, and while it has by no means reached the serious proportions that brought disruption in the other groups, it still is a problem. It is causing unrest in the convention, and it needs to be settled, before it does become serious.

Of course, there are those who defend the institutions being charged with harboring liberalism, and say that it simply is not true. Others say that the theological position which is being questioned is not liberalism, and that questions being raised are concerning individuals who are actually Bible believing persons, and who should be classified in the conservative field. They say that our seminaries are conservative, and that the charges are false. Nevertheless, some are not satisfied, and the problem has disturbed several recent convention sessions, and is still a live issue across the convention.

How can it be settled? We are convinced that there is only one way, and that is through dialogue. It is not going to be settled by ignoring or belittling the issues. It is not going to be settled by attacking those who are asking questions, and calling them trouble makers. They will answer that they are standing right where the convention has stood historically, and that it is those who are seeking to depart from that position who are causing the trouble.

The one satisfactory way of settling the issue is confrontation and dialogue. Let those who are making charges, and those who are being charged, get together, face to face, and discuss the issue. Such confrontation should bring out the facts. If there is liberalism creeping into any institution, such discussion will reveal it. If it is not there, the falsity of the charges will be shown.

There is no reason that either side should hesitate to get together for such discussion. Those who are raising questions, surely want it, for they desire to know the truth, and are only asking that Southern Baptist institutions remain in the position of center of the road conservatism which has characterized the convention from its beginning.

Those in the institutions should not hesitate to enter such dialogue, for if they are standing where Southern Baptists always have stood they should make it known, and if there are moves toward a more liberal position, they should be explained. The institutions have a right to know what Southern Baptists are thinking and want, and Southern Baptists have a right to know what is going on in the institutions. Frank, open, Christian discussion, should reveal both. We are brethren, Christian brethren, Baptist brethren, and we should be able to talk, and even disagree as we seek the truth, in a spirit of good will and fellowship. Someone has said long ago that Baptists can talk themselves together.

Thankfully, some dialogue evidently is underway. Leaders of the new Faith and Message Fellowship are reported as recently having met with members

of the administration and faculty at Louisville seminary. A professor from Louisville, Dr. William E. Hull, and a pastor, Dr. Adrian Rogers of Bellevue Church, Memphis, are both going to speak at a coming Bus Ministries and Evangelism Conference in Louisville. From reports, their views are not the same.

Announcement has been made that forthcoming issue of the Review and Expositor, theological quarterly of Southern Baptist Seminary, will carry articles on Biblical inspiration and authority. We do not know that they will present both sides of the issue, but they are discussing it.

All of this is good, and we rejoice in it. As long as Southern Baptists speak out openly they can seek a ground of unity. This we must find, if it is at all possible. We are not calling for compromise, but a unity based upon the Scriptures themselves. This is the unity which has made Southern Baptists a great denomination, and it is the one hope of continued usefulness and strength in today's world.

We do not presume to suggest how the proposed dialogue be done. We are sure that there are wise men on both sides of this discussion, who can suggest a way. All we are suggesting is that Southern Baptists want this issue settled, so that we can continue to move forward together in the great task which our Lord has given us. Drawing further apart on theological issues is not going to help us do that.

"Church: The Sunday Night Place"—I

"Church — the Sunday Night Place" is the Mississippi Baptist emphasis for March. Promotion is through the Church Training Department and numerous articles, and other emphases are being published concerning the program.

Why should "Church" be the Sunday night place for Christians and even for others? There are so many other things to do on Sunday night. Some of the "best" television programs are reported to be aired on Sunday evening. (We have not seen them, so do not know. If they are no better than most of those appearing on other nights of the week, they are not worth wasting time on.) Many people plan visits, social functions, etc., on Sunday evening. Why should the church make a claim to what is to many the best night of the week to do other things they want to do? What right does the church have to break into people's schedules that way? After all, every person is free to do what he wants to do, is he not?

There are a number of reasons why the church is the Sunday night place, especially for Christians. We shall discuss some of those reasons in a series of brief editorials, which will appear this month.

In the first place, let us say that the church is the Sunday night place for the Christian, because the church should be the center of all Christian activity. The first command of our Lord for the Christian is that he be baptized into the fellowship of a New Testament church, and that he attend, worship with, and work for his Lord in that church. Sunday night activities are a part of the ministry of that church. They are planned for the edification of the Chris-

tian, and sharing in them is an essential part of the finest type of Christian living.

Another Milestone

The Baptist Record has passed another milestone in circulation. More than 115,000 copies of the paper now are being mailed out each week. This is the largest circulation in the 97 year history of the publication.

Most of the circulation is through the Every Family Plan, whereby the churches send the paper to their members, and pay for it from the church budget. Approximately 1500 of the 1889 churches in the state use the Every Family Plan, making our state one of the top two or three in the Southern Baptist Convention in per capita circulation.

We rejoice in this circulation milestone, and now shall be pointing to the day when we shall be going into more than 120,000 homes. We believe that we should reach that number within the next three years.

As editor, I should like to express appreciation to all of the staff who work so faithfully each week to produce the Record, and have shared in reaching this circulation goal. Thanks to Bill Sellers and those in the circulation department, for their diligent efforts in helping us continue to grow. And thanks to all of you pastors and leaders in the churches who support us with your subscriptions and your prayers. Above all, we praise God for his blessing and leadership, which have made the whole program possible. Without his blessing, we could not have seen the continued growth.

NEWEST BOOKS

GETTING ON TOP OF YOUR WORK by Brooks R. Faulkner (Convention Press, paper, 154 pp.) A basic manual for busy pastors, this is one of those skill development books. It provides an abundance of help for the leader who wants to improve his leadership. Any pastor, regardless of the size of the church he serves, will find ideas directed to him in this book. (New Church Study Course, Category 68)

SUMMER AT SEA by Clifford Q. Edwards (Word Book, 167 pp., \$2.95) In this delightful book for children 8 to 12, young Manuel spends a summer at sea off the southeast coast of Georgia. His adventures range from a trip on a ship to a holiday picnic to a battle with a shark, and the dognaping of his pet, Footsie. The author is a retired teacher.

THE SEX THING, by Brance Burbridge (Harold Shaw Publishers, paper, \$1.25, 124 pp.) A book slanted toward young people, concerning their attitudes toward sex. The writer points out that sex can be viewed as the beautiful gift that glorifies God, or as the devil's tool to degrade and destroy, and he says, "Your view of sex, your realization of how God views it, your ability to deal with the tiger of the sex impulse will largely determine the kind of life you live as a Christian." Mr. Burbridge's positions are not narrow, or wishy-washy, but show an awareness of the other's point of view, yet a firmness in presenting a viable Christian code.

CAMPFIRE COOKING by Yvonne Messner (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.95, 127 pp.) Recipes for the campsite gourmet, fire building, cooking, broiling, baking, utensils — all your information needs for preparation of delicious outdoor meals are found in this small book. It is recommended for anyone who plans to do any cooking woodland style.

FOOD AND THOUGHT (SALADS AND SANDWICHES) by Norma Whitcomb and Frances Randall (Baker, 96 pp.) Here are recipes for salads in many categories (fruit, vegetable, molded, meat and fish) plus a good selection of ideas for sandwich-making. The collectors include a former missionary to the Philippine Islands and her friend who studied professional catering. Attractively bound and gift-boxed. The "thought" part of the title refers to the quotations and Scripture references used as fillers on each page.

HEALING FROM HEAVEN, THE GREAT PHYSICIAN, BALM OF GILEAD, HEALTH AND HEALING (Gospel Publishing House, Springfield, Mo., paper) These four books are a series by Lillian B. Yeomans. The first, **HEALING FROM HEAVEN**, with 134 pp., sells for \$1.25. The others range from 70 to 80 pages and sell for \$1 each. Miss Yeomans as a young medical doctor became a drug addict. When her case seemed hopeless she was freed through prayer. Her story is given in **HEALING FROM HEAVEN**. After her miraculous rescue she gave up her medical practice and spent forty years as a Bible teacher and writer. These books present her unique teaching approach and her simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as healer.

On The MORAL SCENE...

Bad Year For Morality — This is the season when federal departments issue annual reports. In at least one case, 1973 proved to be a year of — well, notable achievements, to put it mildly. In a press release accompanying the Department of Justice's report, under the heading "Other Major Accomplishments or Significant Activities," Attorney General William Saxbe said without comment: "The former Vice President, two former Cabinet officers, three Congressmen, a former Senator and a federal judge were indicted, convicted or sentenced. More than 51 indictments of state and local officers were also returned." (Time, p. 12, February 4, 1974)

What Kind Of Army? Last July 4, six GI's stationed at a Marine base in Japan petitioned their commander for permission to distribute copies of the Declaration of Independence during the July 4 sports activities. Permission was denied. The six happened to be members of a chapter of Vietnam Veterans Against the War, but they were still line soldiers faithfully performing their duties. Resenting what they held to be a violation of their rights as citizens in uniform, they quietly proceeded to distribute the copies they had prepared. In a few hours they were in a military prison for publicizing the words of Thomas Jefferson — a document upon which American rights and liberties are founded. What do we want an army for — to defend freedom or destroy it? (Between the Lines, XXXII, No. 21, December 15, 1973)

Drug Advertising Costs — Although the drug industry shudders at advertising to the public, it spends a large chunk of money each year on promotion to doctors through "detail men," trade journals, direct mail and convention displays. In 1960, drug manufacturers reported sales of over \$4.3 billion. According to studies by the Social Security Administration, Good and Drug Administration and congressional investigators, the industry spent one-quarter of that on "internal" promotion.

C. S. LEWIS: I believe in Christianity as I believe in the sun — not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else. **RUTH BURDEN:** I was a heap of dust on the floor of the shop until the carpenter's Apprentice swept me into his golden dustpan. The name of his broom was love. **CHARLES H. SPURGEON:** Love stands in the presence of a fault with a finger on her lip.

CALLED TO JOY: A DESIGN FOR PASTORAL MINISTRIES by Ernest E. Mosley (Convention Press, paper, 160 pp.) This book presents an approach to pastoral work that makes being a pastor a rewarding experience. It focuses on the responsibilities in pastoral work and the relationships that are most effective in carrying out these responsibilities. It sets the stage for a series of books on specific skills that will follow. (New Church Study Course, Category 68)

THIS IS THE DAY by Blanche and Hershel George (Itawamba County Times, Printers-Publishers, Fulton, Ms. 38843, paper, \$3.65 pp.) This is a devotional book compiled by a couple from Pontotoc. Working with boys and girls in Sunday School for the past quarter of a century, in First Baptist Church, Pontotoc, the Georges have collected these messages through the years. Most of them are original; some have been written by others. The book, printed by The Itawamba County Times, Fulton, Mississippi, may be ordered from the authors. Their pastor, Dr. W. Levan Moore, commends this book to those who need devotional materials for older children's groups.

THE IMAGE OF JOY by Jeanette Lockertie (Fleming H. Revell, 125 pp., \$3.95) Here Jeanette Lockertie explains why every Christian should be a joy-filled Christian, rather than a gloomy one. She refers to joyful Christians as "public relations people for the Lord," and tells how their witnessing power attracts others to the abundant life Christ offers.



Hi,
my name is Annie!

I always visit you
in March, but I
work hard the other
eleven months, too.

Through me Southern Baptists send missionaries to remote places, witness to twenty-five different language groups of America, minister to families on vacation and people with problems, extend the church to youth in the armed forces, and many, many other things.

I hope you will remember to pray for me during the Week of Prayer for Home Missions and to give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Home missionaries do wonderful service for Jesus and need our prayers and dollars to keep telling people about His love.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOME MISSIONS, MARCH 3-10



A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Life's little mistakes can sometimes have a happy ending, after all.

I read recently how Dr. Albert Schweitzer made his decision to go to the Congo to spend his life. He was very talented in many fields — music, medicine, teaching — and was searching for the right place for his life.

One day he was cleaning off his desk and came across a little magazine published by the Paris Missionary Society. As he looked at it, he became aware that it was not his magazine, but belonged to a neighbor. The mailman had put the magazine into Dr. Schweitzer's box by mistake.

However, he read in the neighbor's magazine an article entitled "The Needs of the Congo" and after finishing it and thinking about it, said, "My search is over."

You know the story of his life there in the Congo.

Isn't it remarkable how God's hand is not shortened when it comes to the directing of our ways? He always gives the guidance if we will follow. It would have been rather ridiculous for Dr. Schweitzer to say to himself, "Yes, there are great needs in the Congo, all right, but this is my neighbor's magazine, not mine, so my neighbor should read it and go spend his life in the Congo."

Evidently it was not Dr. Schweitzer's neighbor God wanted to speak to about the needs in the Congo.

The world is full of needs a heap closer than the Congo, but I find myself often thinking that someone else can take care of them, that I've enough to do already.

God's will in the Congo brought Dr. Schweitzer a lifetime of fulfillment; I'm sure more of us would find life richer if we reached out to the needs of folks around us instead of keeping our own little world in such apple-pie order.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Writer Wants To Hear Funny Stories From The Churches

Hello, Record readers:

Do you know any interesting amusing incidents (true and original) which happened in church, or are in any way connected with church? I am collecting such incidents to publish in a book which will not only give a laugh or two, but will depict life in America, past and present.

I would love to hear from retired ministers and their wives or widows, and would greatly appreciate hearing stories from anyone who has time to write.

For all of these printed, the name and address of the sender will be stated and also the location of the church if desired.

Please send to: Mrs. Florence (Cammack) Bell, 3745 Kings Highway, Jackson, Miss. 39216.

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Week of Prayer for Home Missions March 3-10

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal \$7,200,000



CARE FOR THE ELDERLY—Workers care for the elderly in a day care program at University Baptist Church. In the background is Pastor Clifford Hoff. (HMB Photo by Don Rutledge)

To a nation searching for fulfillment in materialistic gimmicks, Southern Baptists have a way to say, "In Him Is Life."

Southern Baptists hold out lifelines through home missions to Americans they usually do not see.

The message of home missions is that Jesus Christ can give a believer new and joyous life.

This message is conveyed by 2,178 missionaries and thousands of volunteer short-term home missions workers.

The message is conveyed in many ways—evangelism, church extension, language missions, Chris-

tian social ministries, work with National Baptists, contacts with persons of other faiths, resort missions.

The message can be conveyed because Southern Baptists undergird home missions with their prayers and with their money. If the message is to continue next year with new momentum, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering must supplement Cooperative Program allocations for home missions with at least \$7,200,000.

"This, then, is the witness: God has given us eternal life, and this life is ours in his Son. Whoever has the Son has this life" (1 John 5:11-12 Today's English Version).



The Home Mission Board sets the pace for Southern Baptists in evangelism. Renewal evangelism, symbolized by this group on retreat in Toccoa, Georgia, is one of the methods HMB personnel have developed. Evangelism projects will receive an allocation of \$210,000 from the offering.



The message of life in Christ is given person to person. The tutoring program at First Southern Baptist Church, San Francisco (Paul Cobb and Eleetta Lewis shown here) is an example of ministries that help people find new life in Christ and a better life in the world.



Children of many nationalities come together in Christian love at the Olivet Baptist Church's preschool in Honolulu.



The message of home missions now reaches the millions because of the television evangelism show, "Spring Street, USA." Kenneth Chafin, host, interviews guest star Mary Costa, on one of the Spring Street segments. A major portion of money beyond the goal of the offering will buy TV time for televangelism.

(Photos by Home Mission Board)



Phillip Stover is an Anglo minister. But language missions becomes his business at the Mandarin Baptist Church in Los Angeles, where he discusses the Word of Life with English-speaking Chinese.

Drama To "Bring Alive" Founding Family



The founding family of Blue Mountain College

By Marguerite Hill

During a dramatic interpretation of the Centennial for Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, "THE FOREHEAD OF THE MORNING," will be staged on campus by a cast of 200 on March 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. The members of the Lowrey Family (founding family) will "come alive" in the drama.

Top row, left to right are—(1) Dr. W. T. Lowrey, college president, 1888-1898 and again, 1911-1923; (2) Dr. B. G. Lowrey, President, 1898-1911; (3) Tom C. Lowrey, business manager in early years; (4) Booth Lowrey, nationally known platform lecturer, poet, and director, department of Speech and Drama at Blue Mountain College for many years.

Second row (5) Judge Perrin Lowrey, successful in his chosen profession, located in the Mississippi Delta (6) Modena Lowrey Berry, co-founder, lady principal, dean of students, and vice-president, served from 1873 until her death in January, 1962, known in her later years as "Mother Berry" (7) General Mark Perrin Lowrey, founder and first President, father of the famous eleven sons and daughters (8) Sarah Holmes Lowrey, wife of the founder and first president, mother of the eleven children (9) Margaret Lowrey Anderson, member of the first faculty, mother of four daughters, among whom, one, Dr. Mary Anderson, served for 30 years as a missionary to Canton, China.

Third row, left to right—(10) Joseph Johnston Lowrey, cotton importer and exporter for many years, the youngest son of the founding family,

(11) Linnie Lowrey Ray, music instructor in earlier years of college history and dietitian for 27 years (12) Janie Lowrey Sanford Graves, missionary to Canton, China for 47 years, known best for her support and direction of the Mo Kwong Home for blind girls in China; and (13) Sallie Lowrey Potter, wife of a Clinton, Mississippi physician, the youngest daughter of the founder.

Rev. J. P. Kirkland, Jr., current director of development at Blue Mountain, will portray the role of General Mark Perrin Lowrey; Mrs. J. P. Kirkland, an alumna of the college, the former Jean Donahue, will represent Sarah Holmes Lowrey; David Pitner, Blue Mountain, will represent Dr. B. G. Lowrey; Lisa Nix, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, a current student will interpret the role of young Modena Lowrey Berry, and Mrs. J. E. Buchanan (May Hall), Blue Mountain, an alumna of the college, will represent the older "Mother Berry." Robert Sugg, BSU director, will represent Dr. W. T. Lowrey.

The artistic guidance of "The Forehead of the Morning" is by Orin Corey, theatrical producer of the Everyman Players, Inc., playwright and guest artist Director of the Blue Mountain College Centennial Production. Dale Carter Cooper has the starring role.

The Centennial Production is made possible through the Coordinated Arts Commission of Mississippi and the National Endowment for the Arts. Tickets may be purchased for \$2.00 per person from secretary to President E. Harold Fisher, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Missis-



L. T. Lowrey
President, BMC
1925-60



W. C. Tyler
President, BMC
1960-65



E. Harold Fisher
President, BMC

issippi 38610. (Phone 685-5711).

"Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, 1925-1960, Blue Mountain College president, served for 35 years. He was known as "a wise master builder." Grandson of the founder, a great and glorious leader, a transformer with a magic wand, he touched a campus of great character but of inadequate equipment, and transformed it into a college of even greater strength, a college with equipment and adequacy.

"Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, 1960-1965, president of Blue Mountain, demonstrated the selfless dedication so typical of his predecessors, and gave up his beloved classroom as Head of the Department of Bible for 23 years to become president. He shared with the founder the distinction of giving his life while in active service of the college. In a most genuine way, he was transmitter, conservator, and undergirding of the strength and traditions of the college.

Dr. E. Harold Fisher is immediate past president, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, served for

three years as Chairman of the Elementary Commission, Southern Association for Colleges and Schools, and as President of the Mississippi Foundation of Independent Colleges. He has proved himself to be "a wonderful pilot with youth, dedication, vision, and courage as his allies. March 8, 1974, is the ninth anniversary of his inauguration to the presidency of the first performance of the centennial production, "The Forehead Of The Morning," will be given on March 8.

The role of Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey will be interpreted by Dr. M. Douglas Clark, pastor of Lowrey Memorial Church; Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler will be represented by Dave Rome, a ministerial student of Blue Mountain College; and President Harold Fisher will appear in his own character role.

As we take a look backward to the founding of Blue Mountain College, Geraldine Wales Evans, Class of 1937, a former resident of Ripley, Chalybeate, and Blue Mountain, has captured a glimpse of yesterday with her poem which follows:

Blue Mountain College, 1873-'74/1973-'74

In the wreck of the wrath that raged below,
In the midst of the haze on the mountain slope,
The General prayed,
"If anyone lack wisdom, let him ask and know
That God will answer."
And it was so.

In the mist on the top of the mountain slope,
He saw the wood and the stone supplied.
There he stayed
To lift in love, in faith, in hope
True Wisdom's spire
On the broadening scope.

In the wind of the wrath that threatens wide
In the maze that leads away from God,
We stand undismayed,
For faith and hope and love abide,
And God's in our midst
On the mountain side.

—Geraldine Evans

On Blue Mountain's Centennial

A Proclamation By The Governor

WHEREAS, Blue Mountain College was founded September 12, 1873, by General Mark Perrin Lowrey and was owned and operated by the Lowrey-Berry families until 1919 at which time the Mississippi Baptist Convention assumed control; and

WHEREAS, it is the oldest college for women in the State of Mississippi and through its excellent program of Christian higher education has made a profound impact on the lives of thousands of young ladies and, thus, has contributed positively to the State of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the College is being observed during the 1973-74 academic year with a commemorative celebration for alumnae and friends of the College on March 8 and 9, 1974:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William L. Waller, Governor of the State of Mississippi, do hereby proclaim March 8 and 9 as the official time for all Mississippians to join in the recognition of and the appreciation for the century of service and the immeasurable contribution of Blue Mountain College, Mississippi's distinguished private college for women.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the City of Jackson, this 27th day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-four and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and ninety-eighth.

BY THE GOVERNOR:
WILLIAM L. WALLER
GOVERNOR



Standing, left to right: Joe Jack Hurst, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Blue Mountain College; Governor William Waller; Dr. Harold Fisher, president of Blue Mountain; Seated, 1 to r: Kathrine Beaty, member of Board of Trustees, BMC; Mrs. Fisher; Edith Taylor Paschal and Marie McKelney, both former trustees of the college; and Marie McAlphin, president of the BMC Central Mississippi Alumnae Association. All those on the front row are graduates of Blue Mountain. The governor had just presented the above proclamation.

Wonderful Years Ahead

With the sturdy pillars of an inspiring past behind us,
With the parapets of a remarkably strong present about us,
We look now toward the promising peaks of what must be a
triumphant future for our beloved Blue Mountain College.
Led by a distinguished young president,
Strengthened by a faculty of academic excellence,
Inspired by a growing student body of the world's
finest young people,
Equipped with resources to give our students the best of
contemporary college life in an atmosphere of happiness,
We now move forward with confidence and joy toward the
fulfillment of even finer dreams in years ahead.
As said one of our most inspiring poets,
"The Best is yet to be!"

—Chester Swor

Mississippi College Puppeteers Win Wide Popularity

Hold your head up! Project your voice! Move your mouth! Strange stage directions? Not when the actors are puppets. Of course, the advice is actually directed at the puppeters, not the little "actors" themselves. The puppeters, members of the recently formed Mississippi College puppet ministry, all agree that operating those cute hand puppets isn't as easy as it looks.

"The hardest part is moving the mouth correctly," claimed Teresa Myers of Aberdeen, a newcomer this semester to the unusual ministry.

Once their mouth gets to moving, however, the message of Christ comes across in a fresh, relevant way.

Last year, inspired by performances and workshops held by "The New Californians," a touring singing and puppet group, many students expressed an interest in this exciting "message media."

Students donated money, and the

Baptist Student Union purchased four hand puppets. Lacking immediate knowledge and leadership, though, the enthusiasm burned low and the idea was pushed to the background.

Knowledge of the potential of a good puppet ministry just wouldn't let Rev. Bradley Pope, director of religious activities at Mississippi College, give up this dream. This year his efforts were rewarded.

Melissa Ward, a speech major from the Panama Canal Zone, took charge and helped get things under way. Interested students were collected and trained in the art of puppetry, scripts were collected, and a portable stage built. Some skits were polished and the group was ready to hit the road.

As word of this different way of sharing Christ's message got out, invitations from churches for fellowships and children's worship services came in. The repertoire gradually grew and polish and confidence came

with experience.

The puppets proved their true worth when the group traveled to New York City on a recent BSU mission tour.

"Those puppets really went through a lot," Kathy Thurmond of Fulton, second semester director for the ministry, said. "We did about fifteen shows, many in low income areas. Sometimes we didn't even have room to carry the puppets in their trunk, since our main means of transportation were ferries, subways and buses."

The universal appeal of puppets really became evident on this trip. Shows were staged in the largest mall in the New York area, in churches of all nationalities, and at Willowbrook Hospital, the largest hospital for mentally retarded children in the world.

The trip proved a boost for the puppet ministry in several ways. Some students joined the group in order to

go on the trip. Later several others were added, their interest aroused by reports from the returning mission workers.

As the word spread, the popularity of puppets as a source of teaching and entertainment snowballed. Performances in New Orleans, on "Coffee with Judy," and at kindergartens throughout the area are already scheduled for this semester. This, combined with many church engagements, sometimes makes things rather hectic.

"We recently entertained at five high school Valentine banquets in one week!" Miss Thurmond said. "Sometimes we get so tired we don't really want to go on an engagement. Yet once we get there and become involved in the show and the audience, we receive so many blessings we forget our own efforts!"

The effort is certainly there, even though the shows come over like a

Today's Youth



PEEK-A-BOO — Puppets and students give a big smile over the top of the stage during one of their many practice sessions. The Mississippi College puppeters are, from the left, Bill McCann, Fort Worth, Texas; Teresa Myers, Aberdeen; Gale Reeves, Atlanta, Ga.; and Stan Yates, Philadelphia. (M.C. Photo by Bill Strange)

breeze.

These hand puppets, characterized by their comical expressions and big mouths, have a rather large head,

cloth body and stuffed arms. By inserting his hand through the hollow body and into the mouth, the opera-

(Continued on page 7)

Liberation, The Great Escape

By C. E. Lindgren

What is freedom? Is it not true to assume that one man's freedom is yet another's prison? We hear a lot of one doing his own thing, yet when we attempt to do so we are criticized, not by conservatives but by so-called liberals who have closed their mind to the truth that all men are created equal yet different.

What is liberation? Is liberation not merely an attempt at achieving freedom? When one is truly liberated he realizes his true reason for existence. Just how many young people can actually say that they understand the reason for existence? Rather than searching for true liberation they attempt to build a false wall of security which so rapidly collapses when it is put to the test of life. If people are actually free why do they become slaves to drugs and alcohol? Yes, slaves in the true sense of the meaning. While attempting to release their inhibitions and become liberated, young people become face to face with a dilemma that will haunt them in many cases to the end of their lives. It seems that while the youth are searching for their own souls for freedom and liberation they are faced with that which they are attempting to escape. Yes, perhaps it is indeed sad to see the dirt of true existence. This does not mean, however, that the individual should attempt to flee even more from reality. No, he should face these problems and after having faced them attempt to do something about them. But this does not seem to be the case since the opposite is usually true.

When a young person sees the same traits and yes, even in himself, that he so bitterly despises in his parents he becomes disillusioned with his own life. Many become so disillusioned that they must take their lives for what they consider to be freedom. Others merely attempt to rationalize their bitterness by saying that all things are "correct and proper." These individuals are actually the greatest losers since the individuals who took their

own lives do not have to live the pure hell of lying to themselves daily. Soon however these people actually come to believe what they have for so many years been telling themselves. These people are actually the true prisoners of our society since they have lost the most valuable prize of existence, this being emotion. Yes, emotion with its spectrums of love and hate, with its tears and joyous laughter. These and many other feelings will be lost by the dark haze of pseudo-liberalism and pseudo-liberation. While searching for truth and freedom the youth of today have closed their eyes to what a beautiful place this world could and should be.

Yes, life is beautiful. Every flower and weed has its purpose. Yes, life is beautiful, but only if people makes it so. If a person is searching for freedom and liberation, search not in the physical sense for man may never have this until death. But rather search for spiritual and mental peace. In searching for spiritual peace, an individual soon realizes that he no longer thinks of merely himself but rather the universe as a whole. And yes he is a part of this large cosmos, small but very very important.

Perhaps liberation taken to its true extent is happiness, happiness with one's self and then one's surroundings. But liberation of this day and time as brought forth by many of our youth is merely their fear of giving, giving their own being for the happiness of another individual. This giving does not necessarily mean physically but rather mentally and spiritually. For man may never truly be free if he searches for freedom. Loving and being loved is true existence and happiness. If man does not give how can he expect to receive anything other than a mere shadow of life? But with our present trend toward freedom and liberation we find that man merely uses his fellow man for his own use and then without feeling casts him off as though he was merely a garment.

(NOTE: The writer is a graduate fellow at the University of Mississippi.)



Left to right, Gwynn Warren, Ginny Neal, Melita Shoemaker, Donna Wainwright, Barbara McArthur.

At Clarke College

Melita Shoemaker Most Beautiful, Billy Duncan Most Handsome

"All of you are winners — every one of you!" These words addressed to all Beauty Pageant entrants were a part of President W. L. Compere's opening remarks as he prepared to crown Melita Shoemaker, selected most beautiful young lady at Clarke College, 1974.

300 P-28, talented and gracious of

manner, the titian-haired beauty radiated an inner glow as she accepted red roses, the crown, and rounds of applause from the audience who spontaneously rose to their feet to express approval of the judges' decision.

Fifteen young ladies nominated by their fellow students as 1974 Beauty Pageant entrants modeled casual

sports attire, sang the pageant theme song, and paraded in formal evening gowns, escorted by fifteen young men chosen for the honor by the College students.

Judges serving in the pageant were Mrs. Mavis Taylor, secretary-manager, Newton Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Martha Graham, EGJE faculty member; and Mr. Jimmy Bush, insurance executive and former band director, Bay Springs.

Theme of the pageant was, "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing." At one point in the evening's program the fifteen beauties and their escorts performed as a chorus, singing the popular tune under the direction of David McArthur.

Rebecca Boggan, editor of the college year book, TRACES, welcomed the audience and presented Dean of Men, Ed North, Master of Ceremonies.

The pageantry was interspersed with entertainment, featuring Newton's Junior Miss, Tracey Crenshaw; Guitarists - Soloists, Carl Blackwell, Jim Johnson, and Clarke alumna, Laura Bingham, now a student at Mississippi College; and piano numbers arranged and performed by Mrs. Alice Davies who furnished background music for the entire pageant.

Entrants in the Beauty Pageant were interviewed by the judges prior to program time and were entertained at a buffet dinner.

Clarke students had chosen the winners among the escorts by secret ballot but results of the election had been carefully guarded. When the sealed envelopes were opened they revealed as 4th runner-up, David Anderson, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; 3rd, David McArthur, Moss Point; 2nd, Gary Dennis, Opelika, Alabama; first runner-up Brad Lee, Enterprise; and winner, Billy Duncan, Opelika, Ala.

Acknowledging that they had faced a very hard task, the judges released as their choices: 4th runner-up, Gwynn Warren, Laurel; 3rd, Ginny Neal, Carrollton; 2nd, Barbara McArthur, Moss Point; first runner-up, Donna Wainwright, Eldon, Missouri; and winner, Melita Shoemaker, Waynesboro.

Melita Ann Shoemaker is a music major and lists as her hobbies playing the piano and the organ, baton twirling, singing and cooking.

Billy Duncan is a ministerial student and has served both on an evangelistic team and on a mission team in his home church.

MC Debate Team Wins Sweepstakes Trophy

The top trophy was presented to the team having the most points for participation and placing in all events, both debate and individual categories.

The Mississippi College team, coached by Orvel Hooker, was the only squad in the open tournament of 28 colleges and universities to have two teams advance to the quarter finals in debate. Composing the two teams were Pam Prather of Clinton and Steve Jackson of Aberdeen, along with David Price of Tupelo and Ken Michels of Brookhaven.



Judges' Trophies Awarded At Tournament

The above photo pictures the Judges' Trophy winners at the recent State Youth Music Tournament and Workshop at William Carey College, sponsored by the Church Music Department, MCB. Left to right are: Bill Pharr, minister of music, Alta Woods, Jackson, coordinator of the event; Kathy McMahan, piano trophy winner, Hattiesburg; Melody Talbert, conducting trophy winner, Macon; Bob Saulters, organ trophy winner, Jackson; Diane Foust, vocal trophy winner, Oxford; Dan C. Hall, state music director.



'The Simple Truth' To Sing At Jones JC

"THE SIMPLE TRUTH" will be presented in concert on Tuesday, March 12, at Jones County Junior College in the Fine Arts Auditorium at 7 p.m. They will also appear on WDAM-TV, Channel 7, (Laurel-Hattiesburg) on the "Midday" program at 12 noon, also on Tuesday.

Guitars, banjos, drums and a touch of the harmonica create the distinctive sound of "THE SIMPLE TRUTH." The group consists of Dave Adams, Hal Waterhouse, Rick Passer, Paul Land, and Chad Watson (form-

erly of "TRUTH"). They are five young men with exceptional talent, who write and arrange much of their music, which is designed primarily to present "the simple Truth" concerning Jesus Christ.

The Kansas City-based group has toured most of the United States, including both coasts, and recently produced a stereo LP.

The Baptist Student Union of Jones Junior College, sponsor of this concert, invites all churches and especially all young people, to hear this outstanding group.

POWERLINE

A Straight Line to Teens

Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response

PROFESSIONAL HELP CAN PREVENT SUICIDE

Whoever deals with the current young generation has to reckon with depression and wide-spread suicidal tendencies. Here's a profound statement of utter futility from an 18-year-old boy.

I am a very sick person. Sick of life, sick of religion, sick of love, sick of living, and sick of being sick. I just want to die. I am an extremely sensitive person and I guess I take everything the wrong way. I am contemplating suicide very seriously. But I guess I am still hoping that something will turn up that I can believe in. Can you help me? Maybe just write to me or something. I don't know. I guess I don't really care either.

We have to take any such threat seriously. I immediately sent him the address and telephone of a nearby suicide prevention and counseling center.

Why not dismiss any idea of suicide for an established time, six months for instance, until you can look into your problems with professional assistance? No one of us alone is competent to know himself. Physicians and psychologists can help us recognize ourselves in ways to which we were blinded. It is something like having a coach—he sees you in a different light and can lead you to be better than you are. Additionally I wish you would consult a pastor who is skilled in counseling.

Let me draw an analogy. If you had a car that was falling apart, it wouldn't help to patch it up. What is needed is a major overhaul. So you'd best take it to a garage which understood the original design. Life works something like that. Unless that and everyone suffers. So what do you do? You turn back to the Creator! God specializes in redemption. You are of supreme worth to him and he has no desire for you except to see your life at its best. He stands ready to help you, but he will not do it in spite of yourself. This is why you have to seek out help.

Come to terms with yourself; come to terms with God; and get on with a lifetime of adventure in achieving your potential. I'm pulling for you to make it.

POWERLINE is a 30-minute program for teens produced by Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission and carried by 771 stations. Write for a station list, Box 12157, Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

God's Special Child

Sometimes God gives a special child
To bless our home for a while—while,
A special child to enrich our home
With joy and happiness from heaven's throne.

This one fills our home with love,
Helps us feel His presence from above.
When time comes for this one to depart,
We feel a void, deep in the heart!

Now we realize what God has done—
When through His love He gave His Son.
One day on heaven's shore
We'll meet again—our joys will soar
To meet again this special child.

Who made our life feel more worthwhile.

—Massey Clayton, Jr.
(In memory of Janet Lynn Pitts)

"The Narrow Road" To Sing "Spirit Of '76"

"THE NARROW ROAD," singing group of B.S.U. students at Southwest Mississippi Junior College under direction of Richard T. Lister, Jr., (Music-Youth director at First, Summit), will be performing the musical, "Spirit of '76," in numerous places in the state during the next few weeks. Two out-of-state tours are planned for April and May. Left to right, first row: Shelby Crawford; second row: Alisa Johnston, Branton Foll, Deborah Durbin; third row: Stan McMorris, Debbie Norman, Stuart Hemphill; fourth row: Beth Slay, Barbara Martin, Cliff Persick, Paul Hough and Triva Pigou. Rev. Donald Dick is B.S.U. director at Southwest.

The Holy Spirit In The Life Of The Christian

Acts 3 to 4

By Clifton J. Allen

The life of the early church gave inspiring witness to the reality and presence of the Holy Spirit in the lives of Christians. The special manifestations of the Spirit's power in and through the believers confirmed the truth of the gospel among the unconverted and made them to know that the grace and power of God were changing the lives of persons in their midst. Many persons heard the word of the gospel and believed, so that the number of believers increased to about 5,000. However, as in many other instances, the power of the gospel stirred up opposition to the gospel. The Sadducees tried to silence Peter and John by having them arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin, only to have the apostles declare that they must speak what they had seen and heard. When they were released, they joined the other Christians in praise and prayer for the power of God's Spirit in their midst.

The Lesson Explained
THE HEALING OF A LAME BEGGAR (3:1-6)

At first, the Christians continued their involvement in Jewish worship and the observance of Jewish customs. Hence Peter and John went up to the Temple to pray, according to custom, at the hour of prayer. They observed a familiar scene, a lame beggar, now more than forty years old, asking alms from the people going into the Temple. Peter and John had no money but had something to give of far greater value. They elicited the beggar's intense expectation of a gift and then said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." Peter reached out a hand of assistance to encourage faith, and the man arose, his feet and ankles immediately made strong. He began leaping and walking in the joy of his new strength, and then entered with Peter and John into the Temple, walking and leaping and praising God. A miracle of healing had taken place, a sign of the presence of the risen Christ and of the power of his Spirit.

ON TRIAL FOR PREACHING

The miracle created a sensation of excitement, and a crowd assembled on a portico of the Temple. Peter seized the opportunity for a second sermon. His sermon, with its focus of emphasis on the resurrection of Jesus, stirred the Sadducees and members of the Sanhedrin to action. Peter and John were arrested. The next day they were brought before the Sanhedrin for trial. Again Peter charged the rulers with the crucifixion of Jesus but declared that God had raised him up from the dead and that the power of the living Christ had made the lame beggar well. The religious rulers debated what to do. They could not deny the fact of a notable miracle — all Jerusalem knew about it. The rulers could only threaten the apostles and warn them not to speak in the name of Jesus, to which Peter replied that silence would be impossible. Having been released, the apostles went to their fellow believers and reported what had happened. With one voice they all praised the Lord and prayed that their witness might

be one of boldness while the power of Jesus continued to operate in signs and wonders to confirm the gospel. A COMMON LIFE IN THE SPIRIT (4:31-37)

These verses tell again of the common life of the believers (see 2:43-47) through their unity in the faith and their fellowship in the Spirit. Because they were of one heart and soul, they felt the strongest bond of mutuality, even to the extent that they thought of their material possessions as belonging to the group instead of to individuals. Improperly and erroneously, this sharing of goods has been called communism in the early church. It was completely voluntary. It was not a movement for joint ownership; private property was still retained. The motivation for sharing was entirely spiritual, a recognition of the lordship of Christ and devotion to him which inspired concern for one another through the Spirit. The unity of the believers strengthened their witness, so that the apostles gave mighty testimony to the resurrection of Jesus.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Jesus Christ -- Lord Of The Church

Mark 11:15-18, 27-33

By Bill Duncan

This is the first of three lessons on areas of the lordship of Jesus Christ. The unit is composed of studies concerning the lordship of Jesus Christ over the church, the secular, and history.

When a person becomes a Christian all of his life is brought under the control of Christ. The temptation in life is shown in our selfish nature always exerting itself as the boss, rather than Christ. This struggle with temptation goes on and on. We need help in order to bring all our attitudes and actions under Christ's lordship.

Is it possible that Christ is not the lord of his church? Yes, He may be resident but not reign in the affairs of its life. Christ may never be able to rule in all the affairs because the members will never allow Him to direct and control their lives. The disciples were always amazed when they saw new expressions of his lordship. The cursing of the fig tree, with full leaves but no fruit brought startled Peter to say, "Master, look!" He demonstrated His lordship over death by raising the dead to life. He proved himself lord over the elements when he arose in a boat and rebuked the wind. He proved himself "mighty in battle" as he met and overcame the highest motivations Satan had to offer and soundly defeated Satan.

We will look at the areas of Christ's Lordship and discover like others that this personal discovery is of such magnitude that no part of the life of the discoverer can be the same afterwards. Jesus is Lord! Why do we not believe that he is Lord?

Think of your own church life. Is it any better than what was going on in the Temple? Did everyone worship who came last Sunday? Of course, some came with needs and they were met.

Before one can see the action of Jesus in the cleansing of the Temple, he needs to see the layout. The whole area of the Temple covered about 30 acres and surrounded by a great wall. All the area within the walls was called sacred. The outer space was called the Court of the Gentiles. The next court was called the Court of the Women. The next court was called the Court of the Israelites, where the congregation gathered on great occasions. The innermost court was the Court of the Priests. Within the Court of the Priests was a special building called the Temple. Each of these courts was designed for worship in prayer and preparation.

At the time of Jesus, the Court of the Gentiles was where the temple merchants had set up their business. This commercialized atmosphere of buying and selling would have made the atmosphere of prayer, devotion and meditation impossible. Jesus also saw that the business practices were sheer exploitation of the worshippers. The exchangers of money from other kinds of currencies to the accepted kind of coinage by the priest, were charging too much for the service. The poor and humble worshippers were being swindled. This moved Jesus to wrath. All of this was going on in an area quite contrary to the purpose for which the area was designated.

Jesus drove out the traders and overturned the tables of the money-changers. It seems he took over the

Temple's Court. "It is written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer, but ye have made it a den of thieves (v. 17)." With this Jesus publicly denounced the religious leaders for allowing such a condition to exist. He questioned their spiritual discernment and religious authority.

What would Jesus see in your church? Would he approve of the way we allow the people to exploit their selfish purpose in the name of religion? Remember, Jesus said "the house of prayer for all nations." Jesus was moved to anger by the exclusiveness and separation of the people.

This Sunday look around at what you see. Do not look through eyes of "fault-finding." Claim the lordship of Christ by total submission and seek his will completely! Then see if Christ is the lord of your church. Do not let your prejudices overrule his will.

The cleansing of the Temple brought the hostility of the religious rulers to seek a way of destroying Jesus before he destroyed their influence. These men would not stop at anything. When the chief priests, scribes, and elders did confront Jesus for his clearing of the Court of the Gentiles, they questioned his authority. "By what kind of authority do you act like that?"

They hoped to put Jesus in a dilemma. If he said by his own authority, they could have him arrested for being a troublemaker. If he said he was acting on the authority of God, they could have arrested him on the charge of blasphemy, on the grounds that God would not give any authority to create a disturbance in the courts of his own house.

The reply that Jesus gave put them into a dilemma which was still worse. He said he would answer their question if they would answer one question for him. His question was "Was John the Baptist's work in your opinion, human or divine?" If they said divine, then Jesus would ask them, "Then why did you not follow him, for he pointed me out as the Lamb of God." If they said human the people who loved John would turn against the religious rulers in riot.

The religious rulers were forced to say that they did not know. Because they showed by their own confession they did not have the ability to judge who was from God and who was not, Jesus did not have to answer their question. This made the religious leaders determined to get rid of Jesus.

The church of the modern day needs to be sure that we do not say, "What right does Jesus have to tell me what to do?" The question of authority must be answered before we can truly be a church. Our churches must not miss the

MC Puppeteers - - -

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tor can produce body movement and facial expressions along with mouth movements for talking.

"You have to project your voice, remember your part, and move the puppet, all at the same time," Gale Reeves of Atlanta, Ga. explained.

The scripts themselves take a lot of work.

"We write most of the skits ourselves," Miss Turmond commented. "A few of us have written long stories, but often the script is a group effort. The quickest we ever came up with a skit was five minutes before performance time. We also use a few skits from other groups."

"Puppets are one of the best teaching aids I know of," Miss Reeves claimed. "Children, teens and adults will listen to and watch puppets where they often turn off a preacher."

"We usually start out with a moral and a general age group in mind and build the script around that," she continued. "Then we adapt the same basic script to different age groups and audiences."

Special scripts for advertising purposes and civic groups are also written when the need arises.

Put all this together and anything from nose pulling, hair yanking fights to a song fest can result. Whatever happens — the audience loves it.

"We always try to involve the audience, whether teaching a moral, trying to get a scripture across, or just having a good time," Miss Myers said smilingly.

Whatever the story, these students' love and joy comes across in one of the cutest ways imaginable.

This is what the Mississippi College puppet ministry is all about.

purpose of this lesson. Never can the church be the true church if it de-secrates the worship of God. If the church loves wealth rather than the poor, if it refuses to invite all God's people to share and worship, if it forgets the purpose and character of the one whose it is, the church is not the church. The Lord will not bless a church where he is not Lord.

The lordship of Christ is the prime purpose of God for the program of the church and Christian living. "Jesus is Lord" is the great secret in connecting the church to the power of God by the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. The lordship of Christ is the master motivation and the royal resource from which the Christian is to witness.

S. Dakota Pastor's

Father Dies, From Star

Melvin Glass, 52, Star, died in the Doctors' Hospital, Jackson, Feb. 26. Services were Feb. 27 from Star Church.

Survivors include his wife, the former Mamie Barlow, Star; two sons: Larry Glass, Jackson; Rev. Jerry Melvin Glass, Sturgis, S. Dakota. Father and step-mother: Mr. and Mrs. Dolphus Glass, Fallentimber, Pa.; four brothers; and four sisters.

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Devotional

On Being Mature

By W. C. Burns, Pastor, First, Taylorsville
 "When I became a man I put away childish things." — (1 Cor. 13:11)

Washed and dried but not ironed. A common sight in most households is that pile of clean clothes waiting to be ironed. They are clean and could be worn, but they would better serve their purpose if the ironing is done.

Many people bear certain similarities to the above illustration. Cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ, genuinely saved, but not yet able to live victoriously in the manner for which they were redeemed. The "wrinkles" have not been pressed out.

The question of mature Christian action is really the question of Christian character, and viewed in the arena of everyday life, this is a very vital matter. Defeat, failure, pessimism, and gloom mark too many Christian people who should be rejoicing in victory, success, and optimism.

Why? Why does the saved person appear so weak, so ineffective, so unlike the victorious Christ? Why does the "changed" believer seem so helpless to change the sinful world in which he lives?

In this day of "instant" technological advances Christians make the mistake thinking maturity to be an "instant" believer's blessing. Close your eyes and think of one outstanding mature person. Answer these questions now. How old is that Christian? How long has that person been a Christian? What circumstances revealed that believer's maturity? Do you begin to see an outstanding fact? It takes God a long time to develop maturity in the believer's life. There is no "instant" maturity.

Maturity is the sum total of a personal confrontation with Jesus Christ, knowledge gained through Bible study, much exercise of faith in real life situations, wisdom gained through trial and error, failure and victory, sadness and gladness, hard times and easy times, ups and downs, and extended periods of faithfulness in Christian duty.

Did you know that diamonds cut other diamonds, and that diamond dust polishes diamonds? Even so, godly maturity is a rare quality, and nothing less than God's operating grace is capable of producing that Christian "polish" or maturity.

The next time you see a beautiful Christian life and there is a desire to be "like that," then ask God to get out His "diamond dust" or put you under the "hot iron" to press away the wrinkles. He will!



Carey Alumni Breakfast: MEA

William Carey College alumni in educational work across the state will meet together for a breakfast during the Mississippi Educational Association meeting in Jackson at the Holiday Inn-Medical Center from 7 until 9 a.m. on Tuesday morning, March 19. Shown making plans for the event are alumni of the college from left: Mrs. Margaret Lay of Meridian; Mrs. Deborah Moss of Laurel; Tommy King, of Laurel, and Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, Carey's director of alumni affairs.

Names In The News

Ray Mann was recently ordained to the gospel ministry at the request of Byram Church. He is currently serving as assistant pastor at Byram. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. H. J. Bennett, Byram, pastor. Reared in Kosciusko and Jackson, he is married to the former Sharon Joyce Ponder. They have two children, Desiree, 4, and Christopher, 19 mo.

Bill E. Spencer, pictured, has recently accepted the call as minister of music and youth at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson. He goes to Daniel from First Church, Collierville, Tennessee where he served for the past four years in the same capacity. A native of Corinth, Mississippi, he is a graduate of Delta State College and has attended New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, the former Cecile Reeves, have two children, Tim, six, and Barry, eighteen months. Mr. Spencer has previously served churches in Boyle, Picayune, Magnolia; and Iuka. Rev. Byron R. Malone is pastor at Daniel.

Rev. T. W. Saucier was licensed to the full gospel ministry Sunday, February 17, at Springhill church, Franklin County. After the licensing service, the pastor, Rev. Ernest Scott, of Bude, called upon Mr. Saucier to bring the morning message. Married and father of three children Mr. Saucier is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Saucier, of Knoxville. He graduated from Crosby High School, attended Co-Lin Jr. College one year, and attended Baptist Bible Seminary in Arlington, Texas, one year. He states he plans to study further through the Seminary Extension Department, SBC. He is available for supply or pastoral service.

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Dr. Frank Stanton (second from right), former president of Columbia Broadcasting System and president of the American National Red Cross, is surrounded by Mississippi broadcasters during the fifth national Abe Lincoln Awards for broadcasters in Fort Worth, Texas. Mississippians are (from left) Robert L. McRaney, Sr., president, WROB, West Point; Mrs. Marie Perkins, general manager, WNAT-WONZ-FM, Natchez; and Robin Mathis, manager, WPCF-AM-FM, Houston. Mathis is a member of the board of trustees of the Radio and Television Commission which sponsors the awards. — Radio-TV Commission Photo



Nola Smith (center) executive assistant to President Richard Nixon on White House Manpower, recently addressed the Blue Mountain College student body. Mrs. Smith was welcomed to the BMC campus by Mrs. E. Harold Fisher (left), wife of BMC President E. Harold Fisher and Hilda Hill, Dean of Students.

Phil H. Myers joined the staff of Parkway Church, Natchez, February 11, as minister of education and outreach. Mr. Myers, a native of Ellisville, is a graduate of Jones County Junior College, Oklahoma Baptist University, and Southwestern Seminary.

He is married to the former Linda Lewis of Stratford, Oklahoma. They have two sons, Kris and Kyle. Mr. Myers comes to Parkway from Second Church, Springfield, Missouri, where he served as minister of education for four years.

William Carey College graduate music student, Mike Latham, was presented in recital on Thursday evening, February 28. A New Orleans student, Latham is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Latham and is a 1972 graduate in church music from William Carey. He is presently

minister of music and youth at Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg. Latham is from the studio of Professor Ray Luper and was accompanied in his voice recital by Lorraine Latham.

On March 11, at 8:00 p.m. in Garrett Hall Auditorium, the Department of Speech and Drama, Blue Mountain College, will present Debbie Conley, pictured, in her senior speech recital. The public is invited. Miss Conley has chosen to present her own version of "THE UNSINKABLE MOLLIE BROWN." Director of the recital is Dr. John Perry, Chairman of the Speech and Drama Department. Miss Conley is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles M. Conley of Glastonbury, Conn. Her father was formerly pastor in Mississippi.



Lawrence Darwin Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brooks, was ordained for the music ministry by Sherman church February 8. Rev. Gowan Ellis, pastor, Noxapater, gave the charge to the candidate and Rev. Harold Anderson Lee County associational missionary, gave the charge to the church. Mr. Brooks is presently a student at Union University, and serves as minister of music for Sherman Church.

Walter Simmons was recently ordained as a deacon at Pass Road Church, Gulfport. Mr. Simmons has served as bus minister at Pass Road for the past year. His wife, Dorothy, is church pianist. Rev. A. M. Moore III is the pastor.

Mrs. Dale Williams, mother of Paul B. Johnson, missionary to the Philippines on furlough, died Jan. 30 in Prentiss, Miss. He (address: 104 N. Goforth St., Kings Mountain, N. C. 28088) is a native of Bassfield, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy H. Marlowe, missionaries to Togo, may be addressed at Chemin Des Croisettes 23, 1066 Epilange, Switzerland, where they are in language school. Before they were appointed he was pastor of Philadelphia Church, Wesson.

Jack Guldage, former pastor in Arizona and Arkansas, has been named editor of "Proclaim" magazine and pastoral ministries products effective March 1, according to Howard B. Foshee, secretary, church administration department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Rev. E. C. Tucker has accepted a call as pastor of White Oak and Oak Grove Church in Neshoba County. Formerly he served churches in Scott, Leake, and Neshoba Counties. He is moving from Laurel Hill, where progress has been made in every way under his leadership for the past two years.

Terry Becomes First, Terry

On January 27, 1974, the Terry Church, Terry, became First Baptist Church of Terry. The motion to change the name of the church was made by Mrs. G. R. Birdsong, church historian.

The church was organized in 1852 at Newtown near Wyndale as the Friendship Church. In 1899 it was moved to Terry, and became Terry Church in 1878.

This has been a historic year in many aspects. The church began a bus ministry in January and started a children's church last November. The children's church provides a ministry for the children as well as allowing for more space in an already overcrowded sanctuary.

The church gave the largest amount ever last year to world missions — \$20,279.91. All previous at-

Sunshine Calls Mike Willoughby

Rev. Mike Willoughby has assumed duties as pastor of Sunshine Church, Jackson, in Rankin County.

A native of Clinton, he graduated from Mississippi College and will receive a Master of Theology degree from New Orleans Seminary in May.

Other of his pastorates include Harlands Creek, Lexington, and Calvary, Smithdale.

Sunshine welcomed Mr. Willoughby and his family with a pouncing. Also they presented to him the keys to a 1974 Gran Torino.

Mr. Willoughby is married to the former Jean Buffington of Jackson. They have one son, Jason Michael, eight months.

tendence goals have been broken, with 323 in Sunday School on a recent Sunday. Rev. Glen R. Puckett is the pastor.

Carmel Plans For March Homecoming

Carmel Church, Lawrence County, near Monticello, will observe annual homecoming on Sunday, March 24.

Rev. Robert Dunn of Locust Street Church, McComb, will bring the morning message. David Cox of Clinton will lead the morning song service which is to follow the 9:45 Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth King will present special music. They have recently visited the Seven Churches area discussed in Revelation 2.

Friends, former members, and former pastors are invited to share the Christian fellowship, the dinner-on-the-grounds luncheon hour, and "lots of good singing in the afternoon."

Rev. Jeffrey Slaughter has been pastor at Carmel since June, 1973.

Wahalak Slates Action Rally

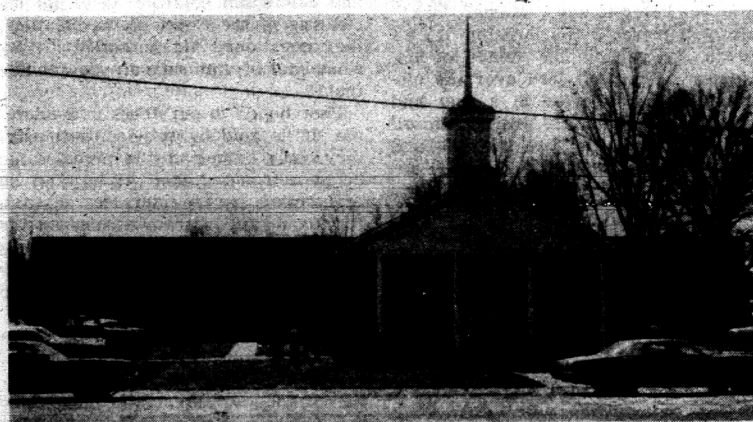
On March 8, at 7:30, there will be a Christian Action Rally at Wahalak Church (Kemper).

Speakers will be Paul Nunnery, Superintendent, Baptist Children's Village, Jackson, speaking on the Christian family; Kenneth Fairly, Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Jackson, and Sheriff Jarvis, Dekalb, speaking on alcohol, drug abuse, and pornography; Howard Spinks, Weems Mental Health Center, Meridian, speaking on moral and social problems and human relations; Rev. Kenmit Sharp, superintendent of missions (Kemper - Neshoba), speaking on Christian citizenship and church and state.

Rev. Ken Anderson, pastor of Dekalb Church, will give the inspirational message.

The pastor, Rev. Ronnie Bullard, invites all who are interested.

Noteburnings



ECRU CHURCH observed Noteburning Day on February 10. A \$50,000 note for a new sanctuary and education building (top photo), which was to be payable in ten years, was paid in five and one-half years. The Building program had its beginning and construction under leadership of Rev. H. D. Perry, pastor, now of Ocala, Fla. The building was dedicated during the pastorate of Rev. Bill Boulton, now of Denham Springs, La. Bottom photo, left to right, in noteburning ceremony: Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Pontotoc supt. of missions; Jack Hattox, Bldg. Com. chm.; W. L. Mounce, Finance Com. chm.; Waymon Bigham, church treasurer; Dr. James Speck, deacon chm.; Rev. Charles Stubblefield, pastor. Rev. H. D. Perry preached the morning message. Ladies of the church served lunch.



Bethsaida Church (Neshoba) is now free of debt. A noteburning and a dedication service was held February 17. A 20-year note was paid in five years and four months. L to R: Rev. Lawrence Runnels, pastor; N. Z. Ward, Odie Smith, Bruce Skinner, trustees; Norman Winstead, assistant chairman of deacons; Laverne Winstead, trustee; and former pastors Rev. Jerry McMullen and Dr. John Barrow (seated). The late B. L. Tidwell was also a trustee and the late C. O. Mowdy was builder.

Off The Record

A bearded, ragged old man leading an equally dilapidated burro came down the mountain and was stopped by a curious cop.

"Do you mean," said the amazed policeman after the interrogation, "that you've been prospecting for forty years in those mountains?"

"Nope," said the fellow. "Not exactly. I prospected the first year and since then I been hunting for my burro."

Prospect being given a demonstration ride in a used car: "Say, what makes it jerk when you put it in gear?"

Salesman: "Ah, that proves it to be a real car. It's anxious to get started."

Doctor: "Have your eyes ever been checked?"

PATIENT: "No, they always have been a solid brown."

"If our car get much older," the long-suffering motorist declared, "they'll start issuing it upper and lower plates."

Girl Graduate: "Four years of college! And just whom has it got me?"

"I can't give you any more credit," said the grocer. "Your bill is bigger than it should be."

"I know that," agreed the customer. "Just make it what it should be and I'll pay it."

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